

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A flat secondary battery comprising:

an electric-power generating element provided with positive and negative electrode collectors;

positive and negative electrode terminals for charge and discharge that are attached to said positive and negative electrode collectors, respectively, of said electric-power generating element; and

a third terminal that is attached directly to one of said positive and negative electrode collectors and that does not directly contact either of said positive and negative electrode terminals for charge and discharge and that is separated from a path of a current that is caused by charge or discharge of the flat secondary battery, so that said third terminal has a same potential as a potential of the one of said positive and negative electrode collectors to which said third terminal is attached.

2. (original) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein said third terminal is formed to extend in the direction differing from the extending direction of said positive and negative electrodes for charge and discharge.

3. (original) A flat secondary battery according to claim 2, wherein the direction in which said third terminal extends is perpendicular to said extending direction of said positive and negative electrodes for charge and discharge.

4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein said third terminal is connected to a control circuit.

6. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein said electric-power generating element is made up of anode elements and cathode elements alternately stacked with a separator sandwiched between each anode element and each cathode element.

7. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, provided with a casing of a laminate film.

8. (previously presented) A storage battery of a serial type using a plurality of flat secondary batteries according to claim 1.

9-10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 2, wherein said third terminal is connected to a control circuit.

12. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 3, wherein said third terminal is connected to a control circuit.

13. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 2, wherein said electric-power generating element is made up of anode elements and cathode elements alternately stacked with a separator sandwiched between each anode element and each cathode element.

14. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 3, wherein said electric-power generating element is made up of anode elements and cathode elements alternately stacked with a separator sandwiched between each anode element and each cathode element.

15. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein said third terminal is attached directly to said one of said positive and negative electrode collectors at a position that is opposite and remote from a position where the respective one of said positive and negative electrode terminals for charge and discharge is attached to said one of said positive and negative electrode collectors.

16. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 7, wherein said third terminal is attached to said one of said positive and negative electrode collectors inside said casing.

17. (previously presented) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, further comprising an outer member that forms a body of the battery and wherein said third terminal is

attached to said one of said positive and negative electrode collectors inside said outer member.

18. (new) A flat secondary battery according to claim 1, comprising two of said third terminal that each attached to a respective one of said positive and negative electrode terminals.

19. (new) A flat secondary battery according to claim 18, further comprising a control system, and wherein said two third terminals are connected to said control system.

20. (new) A storage battery comprising a plurality of said flat secondary battery of claim 18, wherein said positive and negative electrode terminals are directly connected serially to each other, and further comprising a control system to which said third terminals of the plurality of said flat secondary batteries are connected.